

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a washing machine according to the present invention and FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of a washing machine according to the present invention. The washing machine shown in FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 adopts a front loading type but is as good as a top loading type washing machine except that a tub 20 and a drum 30 are horizontally installed. For convenience of explanation, the present invention is described for the front loading type washing machine but is applicable to the top loading type washing machine in the same manner.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] Moreover, in the washing machine, installed are a water supply equipment 50 for supplying the water to the tub 20 and a drain equipment 60 for discharging the used water. The drain equipment 50 includes a water supply pipe 51, a valve 52 provided in the water supply pipe 51, and a detergent box 53. The water supply pipe 51 is connected to the tub 20 and extends through the housing 10 to be connected to an external water supply source. The valve 52 selectively opens or closes the water supply valve 51, and the detergent box 53 holds a predetermined amount of a detergent therein. Hence, once the valve 52 is turned on, the water follows the water supply pipe 51 from the water supply source to be supplied to the tub 20 together with the detergent via the detergent box 53. Moreover, the drain equipment 60 includes a first drainpipe 61, a pump 62, and a second drainpipe 63. Specifically, the first drainpipe 61 is connected to the tub 20 and the pump 62 and the second drainpipe 63 is connected to the pump 62 to extend outside the washing machine

through the housing 10. Since the pump 62 substantially controls a discharge of the water, the supplied water is always held in the first drainpipe 61 before being discharged. After completion of a washing step, once the pump 62 operates, the used water is discharged outside via the first and second drainpipes 61 and 63. A control equipment 12a is installed inside the control panel 12 and is electrically connected to various equipments 40, 50, and 60. The control equipment 12a receives a user's direction as an electric signal through the control panel 12 and controls operations of the respective equipments 40, 50, and 60 according to such a direction.

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] Referring to FIG. 4, both of the ends of the sidewall 32 are rolled by curling. One of the curled ends of the sidewall 32 is inserted in the other to be securely engaged. Namely, the joint portion 33 includes a first end 33a that is curled and a second end 33b that is curled to engage the first end 33a. Hence, the sidewall 32 can be securely formed by the first and second ends 33a and 33b without a separate connecting member. Moreover, the first and second ends 33a and 33b can be partially curled but are preferably curled overall. Hence, the first and second ends 33a and 33b are evenly engaged to each other to reinforce the joint portion 33. Moreover, the joint portion can be additionally welded or coupled by a coupling member to enhance a joint strength thereof. Hence, a joint line 33, i.e., seam, as shown in FIG. 3, is formed along the joint portion 33. The joint line 33c consists of one continuous line or a multitude of unit joint lines formed intermittently. Substantially, each of the unit joint lines can be formed by such a member as a bolt, a rivet, and the like.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] First of all, the joint portion 33, as shown in FIG. 3, leaves a distance d_2 , which is equal to a circumferential distance d_1 between the perforated holes 30a, from the adjacent perforated holes 30a in a circumferential direction. Namely, the joint portion 33 is arranged parallel with an adjacent perforated hole column, and the distance d_2 between the joint portion 33 and the adjacent perforated holes column is equal to the distance d_1 between the perforated holes columns. Moreover, in case that the joint line 33 is formed, a distance between the unit joint lines is preferably equal to a distance d_3 between two adjacent perforated holes of the perforated holes column. Furthermore, the unit joint lines are preferably arranged to have the same arrangement pattern of the perforated holes 30a. Namely, if the perforated holes 30a belonging to two adjacent perforated holes columns are staggered, the unit joint lines are staggered to the perforated holes of the perforated holes column adjacent to the unit joint lines. Hence, the joint portion 33 can be basically arranged together with the perforated holes columns without being exposed.